

Mano language

The **Mano language**, also known as **Maa**, **Mah**, and **Mawe**, is a significant Mande language of Liberia and Guinea. It is spoken primarily in Nimba County in north-central Liberia and in Nzérékoré, Lola and Yomou Prefectures in Guinea.^[1]

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Mano	
Region	Liberia, Guinea
Native speakers	390,000 (2012) ^[1]
Language family	Niger–Congo <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mande<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eastern Mande<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Southeastern<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mano–Dan<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mano
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	mev
Glottolog	mann1248 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/ mann1248) ^[2]

Phonology

[3][4]

Vowels

	Front/Oral	Central/Oral	Back/Oral	Front/Nasal	Central/Nasal	Back/Nasal
Close	i		u	ĩ		ũ
Close-mid	e		o			
Open-mid	ɛ		ɔ	ẽ		õ
Open		a			ã	

Consonants

	Labial	Alveolar	Palatal	Velar	Labialized Velar	Velar-Bilabial
Plosives	p b	t d		k ɡ	kʷ ɡʷ	kp gb
Implosive	ɓ					
Fricatives	f v	s z				
Oral Sonorants	w	l	j			
Nasal Sonorants	m	n	ɲ	ŋ	ŋʷ	

Where two symbols appear side-by-side, the one on the left is voiceless and the one on the right is voiced.

Tones

The language has three tones: high /˥/, mid /˧/, and low /˩/.

Sample Text

[5]

Mano

ƘƘƘ ƤƘ sɛ̃́ é tĩã ƙɛ̀ɛ̀ ɓea, Wééa e ƙe ɓe. Wéé e kília e ƙɛ Wálà píé, ẽẽ e ƙɛ Wálà ká. Wéé e kília e ƙɛ Wálà píé ƤƘ sɛ̃́ ga-gbẽpià. Wééa kolo làa lé Wálà e ƤƘ sɛ̃́ ƙɛƘ. ƤƘ sɛ̃́ lé e ɓea dò wá ɓe ƙɛ à ƙɛ̀ɛ̀ é gɔ̃ ƙɛ̀á à kolo là. Kèbe e ƙɛ Wééa yí. Kèbe e kília e ƙɛ lè fòɲɔɔ ká mia lèɛ. Lè fòɲɔɔ e kília, léè lè fòɲɔ bĩ tii bà, ẽẽ bĩ tii e kília à kò lèé die do lè fòɲɔɔ là. Gɔ̃ doó lé ò si Zɔ̃ɔ e ƙɛ ɓe. Wálà lé e à ɔɔɔ.

English

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. All things were made by him, and without him not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness, and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

See also

- Languages of Liberia

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